



# NEWS RELEASE

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

**TODD P. GRAVES**

---

Contact Don Ledford, Public Affairs • (816) 426-4220 • 400 East Ninth Street, Room 5510 • Kansas City, MO 64106

[www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow](http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow)

---

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2002**  
**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **SUMMERSVILLE MAN INDICTED FOR SHOOTING HELICOPTER, FIREARMS VIOLATIONS**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Summersville, Mo., man was indicted today for shooting into a Missouri National Guard helicopter and for being a felon in possession of firearms.

**Jimmie Leroy Shriver**, 53, of Summersville, Mo., was charged in a four-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Springfield today.

**Shriver** was arrested on September 3, 2002, after allegedly shooting a Missouri National Guard helicopter that was flying over his residence, Graves said. The helicopter was damaged. Graves explained that today's federal grand jury indictment replaces a criminal complaint filed against Shriver on September 4, 2002.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Shriver** was in possession of a firearm and ammunition on July 18, 2002, in Texas County. Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Shriver** was in possession of a Winchester .308 caliber rifle, a Remington 12-gauge shotgun, an Israel Military Industries 9mm handgun, a Ruger .22 caliber rifle, a .30-06 caliber Winchester rifle, and ammunition for those firearms on September 3, 2002, in Texas County. Possession of any firearm at those times would be illegal, Graves explained, due to **Shriver's** 1998 criminal felony conviction in Texas County for possession of a controlled substance.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that, on September 3, 2002, in Texas County, **Shriver** willfully damaged a Missouri National Guard helicopter, and performed an act of violence against the individuals on the aircraft, which was likely to endanger the safety of the aircraft, by shooting at and into it with a firearm.

**(MORE)**

## HELICOPTER SHOOTING

Page 2 of 2

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that **Shriver** was in possession of a Winchester .308 caliber rifle and a Remington 12-gauge shotgun, in relation to and in furtherance of the offense alleged in Count Three.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and are not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Deputy U.S. Attorney Michael A. Jones. It was investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Texas County Sheriff's Office, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

\*\*\*\*\*

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

[www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow](http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow)